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AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Dear Sin:

In response to the non-final official action dated June 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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